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Employment Projections

What Employment Projections information does BLS provide?

Employment Projections provides information about the Nation's economy and labor market 10 years into the future, currently for the 2006-2016 decade. Projections are available in searchable databases and the Nation's most widely used career information resources.

What does BLS project?

- Labor force participation and the size and demographic makeup of the future workforce
- Aggregate economy, including GDP, consumer spending, and trade
- Industry output, productivity, and employment
- Occupational employment and job openings

Who uses projections?

- Economic developers, to understand trends in demand for skilled workers
- Workforce Investment Boards, for policy and strategic planning purposes
- Education and training specialists, to plan and develop training programs
- Students, job seekers, and career counselors, to make career decisions or provide guidance
- State Labor Market Information offices, to develop State and regional employment projections ([see http://www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)).

What are some highlights from the latest projections?

- Baby boomers will stay in the workforce longer than their predecessors.
- GDP and productivity will grow more slowly over the next 10 years.
- Education and training needs will increase for tomorrow's workers, yet jobs will still be plentiful for those with only a high school degree.
- The healthcare and professional and business services industries will gain the most jobs.
- Three occupations—registered nurses, retail salespersons, and customer service representatives—are expected to gain the most new jobs: more than half a million each.
- More job openings will come from the need to replace workers than to fill newly created jobs.

Where can you find employment projections information?

At <http://www.bls.gov/emp> you can search for projections by occupation, education and training category, fastest-growing jobs, and other criteria. You can also access the November 2007 *Monthly Labor Review* for a complete analysis of all the 2006-2016 projections and find our popular career publications *The Occupational Outlook Handbook*, *Career Guide to Industries*, and *Occupational Outlook Quarterly*.

Whom should you contact if you have additional questions?

Contact the Employment Projections information staff by email at EP-Info@bls.gov, or by telephone at (202) 691-5700.

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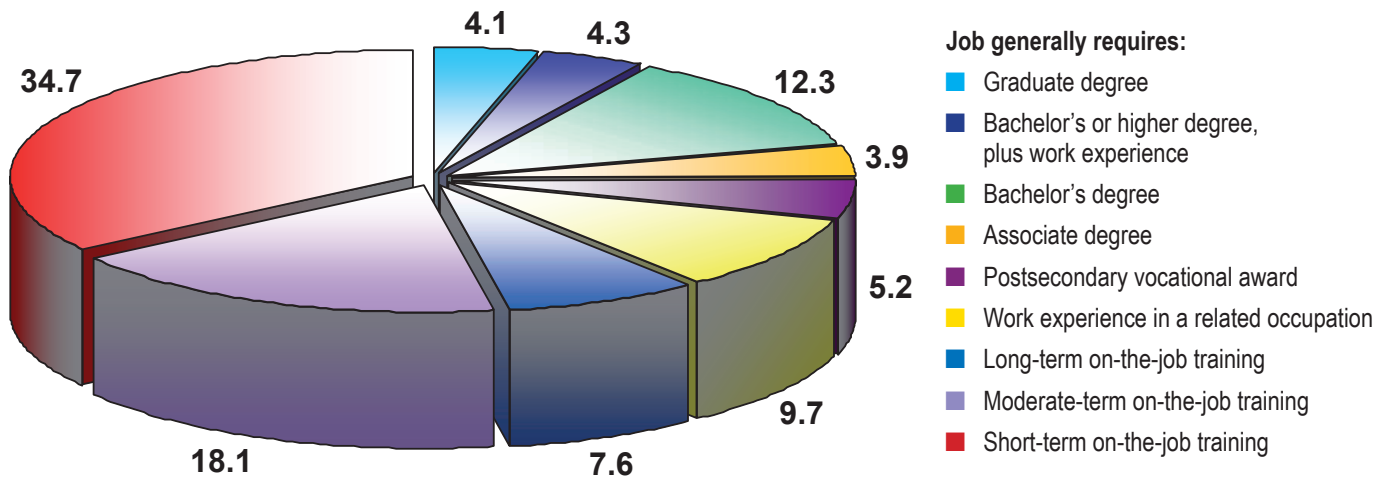
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Percent distribution of employment by most significant source of education or training, 2006



Percent growth in employment by detailed occupation

